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**GROUP ART UNIT:** 1634  
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**DOCKET NO.:** 224436 (Client Reference No. FP00-0043-01US-HP)**ATTACHED PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

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For: Method for Selectively Separating Live Cells Expressing A Specific Gene

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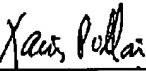
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